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Islanders are out in force to welcome home Xander Bogaerts



ORANJESTAD -- Looking forward to some restful time with his family on his native island of Aruba, Rookie Boston Red Sox third baseman

and shortstop Xander Bogaerts was given a hero's welcome by his compatriots when arriving at the Reina Beatrix International Airport yesterday after-



A big hug from Uncle George

noon.

The third youngest pro baseball player on the fields at present, he performed some impressive plays during the ALCS and World Series that produced statistics coupling him with such icons of baseball as Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle and Ty Cobb. He has had a very impressive ten weeks since being brought up from the minors to play with the Boston Red Sox in mid-August.

Xander traveled back to his homeland on the mid-day Jet Blue flight from Boston, accompanied by his mother, Sandra Brown, his brother, Jair, who was recruited by the Major Leagues along with Xander in 2009, and his uncle, Glenray Brown. His uncle, George Brown, who has been living in Holland for the past 30 years, was present to greet him.

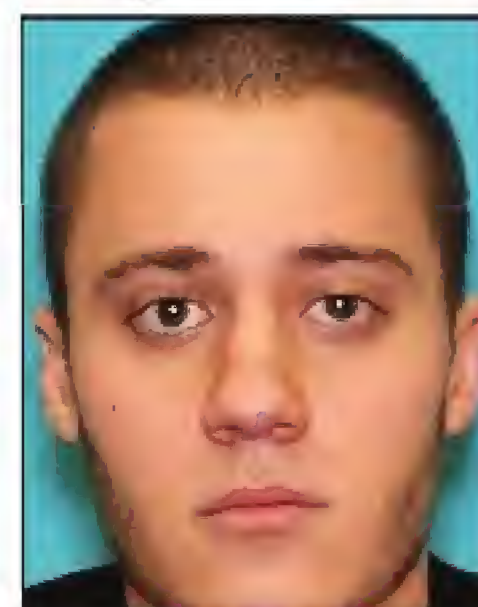
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LA gunman charged, planned to kill 'multiple' agents

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The gunman who allegedly killed a security officer at Los Angeles airport carried a note saying he planned to murder "multiple" agents, prosecutors said as they announced charges against him.

A prosecutor Saturday told how Paul Ciancia allegedly opened fire at "point-blank range" on Gerardo Hernandez, the first Transportation Security Agency (TSA) agent killed since the office was created after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Ciancia, who used a Smith and Wesson assault rifle and a large stock of ammunition in the attack, faces a possible



Paul Ciancia

death penalty on charges of murdering a federal officer and committing violence at an international airport.

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Green Corridor promises to change island and life style

ORANJESTAD -- In what is expected to be the island's biggest project ever in our infrastructure, was presented this week as being ready for implementation. Together with representatives of the Grupo Odinsa S.A. a presentation was made this past week showing a video of how the project will be once completed.

According to Minister Sevinger, "We are confident that this project will change not only the course of our island, but also the way we live on this island."

The Green Corridor represents the biggest project ever in the history of our island. It will begin at the round-about in front of the airport and reach all the way to San Nicolas. It will include a linear park at Pos Chiquito and a new bridge over Spaans Lagoen. In addition to a new lane exclusive for cycling. In connection with the plan, there will also be two new round-about, one at the cross-



ing of Seroe Teishi and another at Mahuma/Balashi.

The Green Corridor is a project that many governments talked about, but because of its complications

with the many homes along the route, were unable to execute this project, especially if it includes a 4-lane highway. This current government sought counsel from professional planning experts in Holland. According to Sevinger, this is not just an infrastructure project for automobiles to travel from San Nicolas to Oranjestad or from Barcadera to the hotels; we have also taken into consideration the quality of life in the annex barrios. "Pos Chiquito, Seroe Alejandro, Yara, Savaneta, San Nicolas will all be upgraded in their infrastructure and public spaces. It will enhance the entire area on the upper end of the island."

The government has announced that Grupo Odinsa are the ones who will be in charge of building the project. They have a long history of successful projects in Central America. The process now continues with looking for financing, making an official contract and so at the end of this year and/or beginning of next year to officially start with the project.

The project is divided into two phases. The first phase will take 18 months and the second phase consists of a period of 2 1/2 years. Odinsa S.A. will also be responsible for the maintenance and quality of the project for a period of 18 years.

According to Sevinger, it is important that the Aruban public know that this was a transparent project. The project has a price tag of 130 million Aruban florins. Ernesto Caasco, CFO of the company declared that they will make use of as much local human resources as is possible as well as local material for the construction work.

RBC Royal Bank supports Children Book Festival for the 7th consecutive year



ORANJESTAD - During a recent press conference, Aruba National Library Director Mrs. Astrid Britten, PR Commission Children Book Festival Mrs. Luci Rubiano, Children Book Festival committee member Mrs. Nathaly Croes and Communications Officer DC & Suriname, RBC Royal Bank (Aruba) N.V. Mrs. Joanna Maya elaborated on the 21st edition of the Children Book Festival, organized by Aruba National Library.

During the week of November 1-8, various authors and story tellers will visit several schools on the island during the morning hours. The National Library also has prepared a program for the afternoon hours at the library.

This year's festival theme is Sports and Games. The National Library has put together a diverse group of writers, illustrators and story tellers from Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire, Costa Rica and the Netherlands.

Schoolchildren can expect presentation from the Netherlands by Lydia Rood, Fred Diks, and Anna Woltz. From Costa Rica: Carol Britton; Bonaire: Kathleen Thielman;

Curacao: Ariadne Faries and Tio Ali; and Aruba: Gino Vrolijk, Emerita Emerencia, Robert Reeberg, Diana Marchena, Munye Oduber-Winklaar and Liliana Braamskamp-Erasmus. They will visit schools to introduce themselves and read a piece from their books. They will also play a game with the students. The intention of the festival is to stimulate an interaction between author and student. It also gives the authors the opportunity to share their creations with children, while at the same time promote their books and stories.

"RBC Royal Bank is a banking entity that supports projects focused on the education and development of youth, and is proud to sponsor this festival for the 7th consecutive year," a bank spokesperson said. "It applauds the Aruba National Library for organizing this festival to promote reading in an educational and entertaining manner."

Management of the Aruba National Library on its turn expressed their gratitude to RBC for its support.

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New Penal Code includes more victim protection



ORANJESTAD -- Last Thursday the Minister of Justice and the Care of Addiction, Arthur Dowers received the concept of the new Penal Code from a representative of the commission who worked on this for the past five years. Hans Doelder, who presented the document, is a professor of criminal law and criminal procedure at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. He was a member of the Commission who worked on a new penal concept that has been approved by Parliament some time ago.

The new Penal Code has been written in keeping with international treaties applicable to Aruba and other territories in the Dutch Caribbean region. The actual Legal Procedure Code doesn't agree with the international treaties. This penal code is being discussed on each island separately and among the six Dutch islands. According to Den Doelder, they kept in view on one hand the international treaties and the rights of people and on the other hand the treaties having to do with the protection of witnesses, detection, etc.

The Commission that worked on the concept in Aruba consisted of representatives of different interest groups in the area of law, such as the Police Force, Lawyers, University of Aruba, and many others. The Penal Code makes the work of a lawyer and the police much easier to work together from the different islands. It also facilitates the work of the Common Court and of the Supreme Court in Holland, according to Den

Doelder.

Dowers explained that after 9/11 there has been great pressure on international crime and this new penal code takes into account the rights of a suspect, as well as other important aspects such as the right of the victims. "Victims often suffer greatly under a crime situation and for years I felt that we have not done enough with respect to the rights of victims," says Dowers.

This new penal code will provide additional rights to a victim where the Public Prosecutor can protect the rights of the victim.

The mandatory explained that this new penal code enables the Public Prosecutor to confiscate the belongings of the offender to provide means of compensation for the victims. "This for me is a big step, for the victims didn't receive much attention," he expressed.

In this new penal code they have also taken into account - just as in the case of the new BOB-law - technological advances and the development of new crimes. They have also taken into account putting embargos on "data" (information). The Minister explained that the modernization of the penal code - which has been approved, will go into effect in 2014. These new laws are necessary to comply with international standards.

The new law concept must yet pass through the department of Law Proceeding (Wetgeving) and the Supreme Counsel of Advice then to be presented in Parliament for evaluation and final approval.

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Aruba National Theater Prize will host a night dedicated to Compa Nanzi

ORANJESTAD -- On Thursday, November 7, the Aruba Culture Department (DCA) will host the "Premio Nacional di Teatro Aruba 2012-2013" at the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad. The program is from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. During that same night, representatives of the DCA will also announce next year's National Theatre Award nominees.

This year, the award will be presented to Mr. Mirto Laclé for his multi disciplinary project Compa Nanzi. Mr. Laclé was the moving force behind an extensive program dedicated to the preservation of oral literature and the cultural heritage of Compa Nanzi stories and story tellers. The Compa Nanzi program encompassed all the islands of the Dutch Caribbean, Suriname and Holland, where the folk tales of the clever, mischievous spider have evolved in their own fashion and are kept alive by the popular tradition of live story tellers and skits, which spark the imagination of youth and adults.

In celebration, Mr. Laclé will present a show of Compa Nanzi, focusing on the character and the rich tradition of folk tales.



Local singers and artists from Aruba, The Netherlands, Curacao, Costa Rica/Nicaragua and Panama will entertain the public during the show. Performers on the playbill include: Trio Tica Giel, Thais Franken and Hylianne Croes; dance performance by Scol di Movimiento under the guidance of Samantha Westera; rhythmic poetry by Tio Ali of Curacao; Compa Nanzi play by Grupo Teatral Kibrahacha under the guidance of Carmen Herrera; storytelling by Sheila Payne of Curacao; fashion show with designs inspired by the stories of Compa Nanzi, under the guidance of George Lashman of Panama; Carol Britton of Costa Rica, music by Grupo Rondalla Aruba; and singer Etty Toppenberg. Excerpts of the documentary

'Anansi Masters, the Story Continues' will also be presented. The show is a collaboration of the Aruba Cultural Department, Aruba Pedagogic Institute, (IPA), Aruba National Library, Cas di Cultura, Raul Romer Institute of Curacao and Anansi Master of the Netherlands.

In 1952, Nilda Geerdink Jesurun Pinto (1918-1954) compiled 30 Compa Nanzi stories in Papiamentu. She then translated the stories to Dutch, English and recently in Spanish. Mr. Sidney Joubert of the Raul Romer Institute of Curacao will introduce the stories translated in Spanish: Los cuentos de la arana Nanzi. The book will be for sale during the show. The program is aimed at secondary school students and parents.

Tickets are available at the Department of Culture, tel. 5822185, Cas di Cultura tel. 5821010 and through Mirto Laclé at tel. 7402044 or 5868998. Entrance is FREE, but seating is limited, and everyone is advised to obtain an entrance ticket prior to November 7. The show begins at 7:30 sharp.



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Holidays are here with festive shopping nights at Do It Center



ORANJESTAD -- Aruba's newest and most stylish home/hardware mega-mart, Do It Center, is celebrating the season and inviting all the island to join in the festivities. Now through Christmas they are featuring extended hours every Saturday evening until 8:00 PM, including entertainment with traditional Gaita Groups. This past Saturday, November 2, it was Paranda Ta Nos, they livened up holiday shopping.

The enormous Do It Center in Shaba has everything for fixing up the home for the holidays, from paint and building materials, to an extremely attractive collection of Xmas specialty items and decorations. Unique Christmas lights, pillows, wall hangings and all the materials for creating personalized, decorative wreaths can be found at very reasonable prices.

Many families were making an evening of it, taking time to enjoy favorite holiday treats such as oliebolle and ayaca from the in-house cafe, Do It Pizza and More. The clean, attractive restaurant serves not only pizza, but a



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Common Court issues new tariffs

ORANJESTAD -- As of the 1st of November there is a new guide regarding Court tariffs. These are the tariffs that the Court charges for attending to Court cases, such as family issues or issues related to work. In this new guide all information regarding rules and the equal application of these in all countries of the Dutch Caribbean, namely, Aruba, Curacao, St. Maarten and the BES islands is outlined.

For every case of persons, family or cases of alimony, there is an Afls.50 levy to the Court.

They have also discontinued the dispensation for petitions having to do with imposing embargos. In the future there will be an Afls.450 levy, which will be discounted from the court

fees in the principal case.

With respect to cases requesting personal injury and damages, in the past the court fee was determined based on the calculated sum directly according to the interest of the party(ies) involved. However, in the following process of liquidation for damage and injury, they will keep this in view. As of now the claimant must indicate the interested sum. In the event they cannot indicate a financial sum directly, then they will pay the Afls.450 in the first instance and in the Supreme Court that fee becomes Afls.900.

Another new rule is if the claimant or the one appealing a case cannot present proof that he/she does not have an income, he will be obliged to pay the court fees himself. If he can present said proof the

money will be reimbursed.

Last July the Order of lawyers on all the islands gave their commentary on the new concept of the guide.

The reaction of the Supreme Court and judicial organ is that this court fees system does not contradict art. 6 EVRM, which gives the right to free access to a judge.

The tariffs at the Court have not been adjusted for thirteen years. Per year the annual income of the Court is more or less 3.5 million Aruban florins, while the justice administration costs 32 million Aruban florins (salaries, maintenance of the building and material, etc.). What's more, the income is not destined for the Court or its judicial organs, but goes directly into the coffers of the government for the islands.



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Islanders to welcome home Xander Bogaerts

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"I am very happy to pass the mantle as the best ball player in our family to Xander," expressed George. "It is time to make way for the next generation, and it is always a thrill to see them do even better than we did." It appears baseball has been an all-consuming passion for the family for at least three generations, though George confides that in the past they usually rooted for the Cardinals. "Of course, that is all history, now."

Xander and his immediate family were greeted at the gate by Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman and his wife Doina, who then escorted them to the airport's VIP room where several local dignitaries jockeyed for position to be the first to greet him through the door.

Xander handled the spotlight and extensive attention with congenial grace and an unwavering smile, even though he had not expected or asked for such a fuss. He was officially welcomed by the newly appointed Minister of Public Health, Elderly Care and Sports, Dr. Alex Schwen- gler. Prime Minister Eman declared that the young player had won a place in the hearts of all Arubans for his remarkable performance in the play-offs and World Series. "You



A hero's welcome



are the pride of your family, San Nicolas and Aruba," concluded.

Several Little League teams and islanders awaited Xander and his family as they made their way down the red carpet outside the departure hall to be

whisked off to their home. Xander tried to accommodate as many local fans as he could as he was hustled away by security, but he had already signed umpteen baseballs, caps and shirts, as well as posing for photographs for admirers during the interlude in the VIP Room of the airport.

He voiced his thanks at that time to all who had come to greet him at the airport, and their continuing messages of support throughout the championships. He is very happy he had this opportunity to make his fellow Arubans proud, with the express hope it will continue.



A blessing from his Minister



Parliamentarian Donny Rasmijn, wife Candy and children with Xander



Xander with proud mama and brother



With TMN reporter/photographer Rosalie Klein

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Solar eclipse sweeps Africa, Europe and US

NAIROBI (AFP) - Africans were treated yesterday to a spectacular solar eclipse that swept across the continent, while sky-gazers in the United States and Europe also glimpsed the rare phenomenon.

A total eclipse could be seen over parts of Africa and one of the best views was in northern Kenya's Sibiloi national park, where a few hundred tourists gathered on the edge of the desert lake Turkana.

Alongside the tourists were colourfully dressed Kenyans from the Turkana, Rendile and Dasanach tribes, many draped in beads, who cheered as the sky darkened.

But dramatic weather almost spoilt the show, with

sandstorms, rain, a rainbow and heavy cloud all minutes before the eclipse, an AFP photographer said.

Some tourists, fearing they would miss the sight, jetted off at the last minute, seeking a clearer spot on other side of lake.

In the end the eclipse, which lasted about 10 seconds in Kenya, was partially obscured by cloud.

Sky-gazers in Gabon, Congo, Uganda and Ethiopia were also treated to the total eclipse.

The west African nation got peak viewing of the total eclipse as it swept over a path nearly 60 kilometres (37 miles) wide.

In the eastern United States,

viewers caught sight of a partial eclipse lasting 45 minutes close to sunrise.

Partial views were also available in southern European countries Spain, Italy, Greece, and also in Iraq.

The round shape of the Earth explains why viewers in Africa saw a total eclipse, while those in the United States and Europe only saw the sun partly obscured.

Experts say a safe way to view an eclipse is by making a pinhole camera -- piercing a tiny hole in a piece of paper then turning your back to the sun and using the pierced page to project the image of the sun on another sheet of paper.

A map of the eclipse's path can be found at: u.afp.com/wi4.

LA gunman charged...

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The gun rampage Friday triggered chaos at LAX international (LAX) airport, disrupting more than 1,500 flights. The airport only fully reopened more than 24 hours later.

Describing how the shooting started, a prosecutor said Cincia pulled a ".223-caliber M and P-15 assault rifle out of his bag and fired multiple rounds at point-blank range" at Hernandez, 39, shortly after 9:00 am in LAX's Terminal 3.

The shots wounded the unarmed TSA officer but did not kill him.

The 23-year-old gunman, dressed in black and wearing a bullet-proof vest, then went up a nearby escalator but came back down to "shoot the wounded officer again," said US Attorney Andre Birotte.

Cincia then proceeded further into the terminal, shooting four more people including two other TSA officers, before being wounded in a gunfight with airport police and arrested.

The alleged gunman, who remains in hospital and has not yet answered questions from investigators, carried a note in his bag indicating that "he targeted especially TSA officers," for whom he felt "anger and malice."

The handwritten note, found in a bag taken into the airport, showed that he "made a conscious decision to kill multiple TSA employees," said David Bowdich, the head of the FBI's Los Angeles office.

"In the note that was handwritten by the defendant, that was signed by the defendant, we found a statement where he made a conscious decision to kill multiple TSA employees," said Bowdich.

"He addressed them at one

point in the letter, and stated that he wanted to 'instill fear into their traitorous (sic) minds.'"

The handwritten letter resembled a suicide note, an unnamed law enforcement official told the Los Angeles Times. The note also said that Cincia did not want to hurt anyone "innocent," just TSA agents, the newspaper reported.

The agent killed was a father of two who immigrated to Los Angeles from El Salvador when he was 15, his widow Ana Hernandez told reporters.

Birotte said Cincia was shot four times by airport police, and that he had some 150 rounds of ammunition. Two LAX police fired at the gunman, according to the criminal complaint filed against him.

An estimated 1,550 scheduled flights with some 167,000 passengers were hit Friday amid the resulting ground stop.

LAX is the third-busiest airport in the United States after Atlanta and Chicago, and the sixth-busiest in the world, according to figures from Airports Council International.

During the shooting spree, which lasted less than 10 minutes, Cincia approached a number of people cowering in the terminal and pointed his gun at them, asking if they "were TSA," according to the Los Angeles Times.

If they answered "no," he moved on, the Times reported, citing witnesses who said he cursed the TSA repeatedly.

While officials have not released details about the victim's state, the Times said he was in critical condition in hospital after being shot in the head and leg.



RAFAH: AFP photo shows Isra Almodallal, the first woman to be nominated as spokeswoman for Gaza's Islamist rulers Hamas, smiling as she stands in her home in the town of Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip, on November 3, 2013. Almodallal, a 23-year-old journalist, told AFP last week her goal was "to change the image of Palestinians and that of the government in Gaza."



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Hundreds evacuated as Indonesia volcano erupts

JAKARTA (AFP) - A volcano in western Indonesia erupted twice yesterday, hurling red-hot ash and rocks up to seven kilometers into the air and forcing more than 1,000 people to flee their homes.

Mount Sinabung on Sumatra island erupted in September for the first time in three years, forcing thousands to flee their homes, and has been erupting intermittently ever since.

Early yesterday it hurled a column of ash seven kilometers (four miles) into the air, then erupted again in the afternoon.

Police and troops began evacuating residents from villages in a three-kilometer area around the volcano after the first eruption, said national disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho.

"1,293 residents living around Mount Sinabung were evacuated to safer areas," he said.

"The number of evacuees will rise."

More than 15,000 people were evacuated after Sinabung, in North Sumatra province, first rumbled back to life in September.

Berlusconi voters like his daughter for Italian PM

ROME (AFP) - Silvio Berlusconi's daughter Marina, touted as his possible political successor, was given a boost in a poll published yesterday showing that the flamboyant ex-premier's supporters think she is prime minister material.

Some 65 percent of voters for Berlusconi's People of Freedom (PDL) party think 47-year-old Marina Berlusconi "would be suitable for the office of prime minister", according to the SWG institute poll published in the *Corriere della Sera* daily.

The sentiment was shared by 57 percent of the centre-right.

Speculation is rife in Italy over whether Berlusconi, embroiled in a series of court cases, is planning to hand over the reins of his party to his eldest daughter -- though she has repeatedly denied an interest in entering politics.

Berlusconi's conviction for tax fraud earlier this year and an upcoming Senate vote on whether to expel him from par-



liament have threatened to weaken his grip on his party, and Marina appears to be the only choice for successor.

His former protegee Angelino Alfano led a revolt against Berlusconi's hardline allies earlier this month, a betrayal the mogul has not forgiven.

Marina, who sits at the helm of the Berlusconi family's powerful holding company Fininvest, has refused so far to give up her business career.

France says 'terrorists' behind murder of journalists in Mali

PARIS (AFP) - Paris yesterday blamed terrorist groups for the "odious" and "cold-blooded" murder of two radio journalists in northern Mali, and said French troops would boost security in the restive zone.

Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said Radio France Internationale (RFI) journalist Ghislaine Dupont and sound technician Claude Verlon were shot dead after being abducted by armed men on Saturday.

"They were killed in cold blood, one took two bullets and the other three," he said after crisis talks led by President Francois Hollande on the murders in the northeastern town of Kidal.

"The killers are those we are fighting, the terrorist groups who are opposed to democracy and elections," he said, adding the journalists had been executed in an "odious manner."

He said security in "the en-



tire zone and neighbouring areas, in particular with concern to French citizens, will be intensified."

A government source said this meant making the presence of French troops based in northern Mali "more visible."

Justice Minister Christiane Taubira and the head of France's external intelligence services agency Bernard Bajorlet also attended the hour-long talks with Hollande.

Dupont, 57, and Verlon, 55,

had travelled Saturday to Kidal to interview a spokesman for the Tuareg separatist group the National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad (MNLA), and were abducted outside his home, according to their employer.

They were both veteran journalists experienced in Africa reporting. Dupont had spent 27 years covering the continent since joining RFI in 1986.

NGO: Israel publishes tenders for 1,859 settler homes

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israel issued tenders to build 1,859 settler homes yesterday ahead of a visit by US Secretary of State John Kerry aimed at pushing the peace process forward, an NGO said.

Settlement watchdog Peace Now told AFP that 1,031 plots were offered by Israel's housing and construction ministry in the occupied West Bank and 828 in annexed east Jerusalem, and that successful bidders would be able to start construction shortly.

"Within a few months they will choose the winning bids and the successful contractors will be able to start building within a number of weeks (after that)," the group's Hagit Ofra said.

The Palestinians, who have long viewed settlements as a major obstacle to resolving the decades-old conflict, threatened to go to the UN Security Council over the latest Israeli move.

"The PLO is considering a mechanism to go to the Security Council and the UN against these new Israeli decisions, especially as there are international resolutions that consider settlements illegal," Palestine Liberation Organisation senior member Wassel Abu Youssef told AFP, without elaborating.

Kerry yesterday sought to calm fears that peace talks were faltering. "I remain hopeful, and we will make every ef-

fort in the United States to move the process forward in a fair-handed way, a balanced way that reflects the complexity of these issues," he said shortly after arriving in Cairo on the first stop of an 11-day tour, which will also take him to Israel and the Palestinian territories.

He stressed that the United States remained committed to helping the parties reach a final peace deal, but acknowledged recent tensions over Israel's stated intention to keep building settler homes.

"There is no doubt ... that the settlements have disturbed people's perceptions of whether or not people are serious and are moving in the right direction," he admitted.

After almost three years of stalemate, Kerry persuaded the two sides in late July to resume negotiations aimed at achieving two states living side by side.

He has insisted that participants maintain silence on the progress of the negotiations, in order to prevent any efforts to torpedo the talks.



Picture above depicts a girl sitting among diyas, or oil lamps, in her yard during Diwali celebrations in Felicity, central Trinidad. Diwali is the biggest and most famous of the Hindu festivals. The word Diwali means 'rows of lighted lamps', and Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small earthenware oil lamps called diyas. Diwali is celebrated in India, Malaysia, Singapore, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Nepal, and by Hindu communities all over the world, including Britain.

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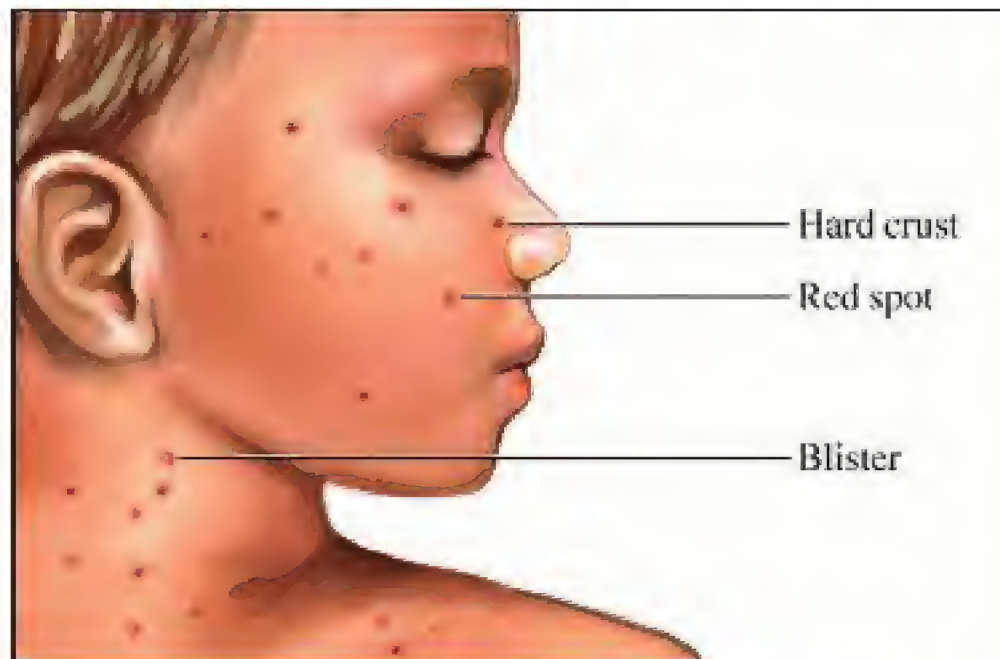
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Department of Public Health with information of chicken pox cases on Aruba



ORANJESTAD - Recently, there has been a high degree of absenteeism in local schools due to an outbreak of Chickenpox. Chickenpox is caused by the varicella-zoster virus. It spreads easily. It is commonly contracted from an infected person who sneezes, coughs, or shares food or drinks, as well as by touching the fluid from a chickenpox blister. A person who has chickenpox can spread the virus even before any symptoms manifest. It is most easily spread 2 to 3 days before the rash appears, until all the blisters have crusted over. It usually takes 14 to 16 days for symptoms to manifest after you having been in contact with someone with the virus. This is called the incubation period.

Those at risk to contract chickenpox are individuals who have not had it previously. If a household member gets chickenpox, it is likely to spread through the family because of close contact. Following recovery from chickenpox, you will most likely not get it again.

Pregnant women who never had chickenpox before should be particularly cautious during an outbreak as contracting it can cause defects in the fetus. Newborns

and toddlers should be watched closely. Teens and adults who have immune system problems, such as HIV/AIDS or cancer patients, patients with a transplant, or taking chemo treatment or using steroids, which at make it hard for the body to fight infection, are especially at risk. Generally, chickenpox usually isn't a serious problem in healthy children.

The first symptoms of chickenpox often are a fever, headache, and a sore throat. Individuals may feel sick, tired, and demonstrate loss of appetite. The chickenpox rash usually appears about 1 or 2 days after the first symptoms begin. Some children break out in the chickenpox rash without having a fever or showing other early symptoms.

After a chickenpox red spot appears (mouth scalp, skin), it usually takes about 1 or 2 days for the spot to go through all its stages. This includes blistering, bursting, drying, and crusting over. New red spots will appear every day for up to 5 to 7 days.

Victims can go back to work, school, or day care when all blisters have crusted over. This is usually about 10

days after the first symptoms appear.

Once contracted, there are no medications to cure the disease. Though they usually itch greatly, it is very important to NOT scratch the blisters, for they can become infected. These wounds can cause complications. The patient should bathe with water infused with soothing herbs or plants, i.e. chamomile, mango leaves, ratonero or shoshoro. Use of antihistamine unguents or tablets can alleviate the itching, as can lotions such as calamine help soothe and dry the blisters. There are no medications to prevent chickenpox, but these

simple treatments can help alleviate the symptoms.

If you are concerned you have chickenpox, visit your house doctor. Keep in mind patients with chicken pox are considered at risk of complications due to the aforementioned conditions. Other symptoms to cause concern are:

- * fever for more than 4 days
- * Certain body areas get red or sensitive or the blisters secrete pus
- * extreme illness
- * feeling dizzy and difficulty getting up
- * difficulty walking
- * stiff neck

- * vomiting frequently
- * difficulty breathing
- * Heavy coughing

The Department of Public Health has a vaccine for persons who have never contracted chickenpox and are considered at risk for complications. The vaccine consists of 2 doses, and is available at the offices of Contagious Diseases (DBZ) from Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 - 4 p.m. The cost is AFLs. 69 per dose.

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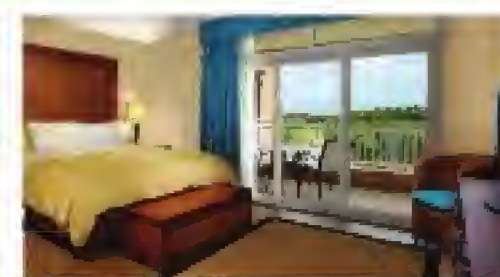
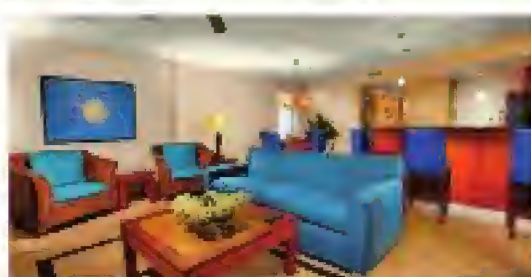
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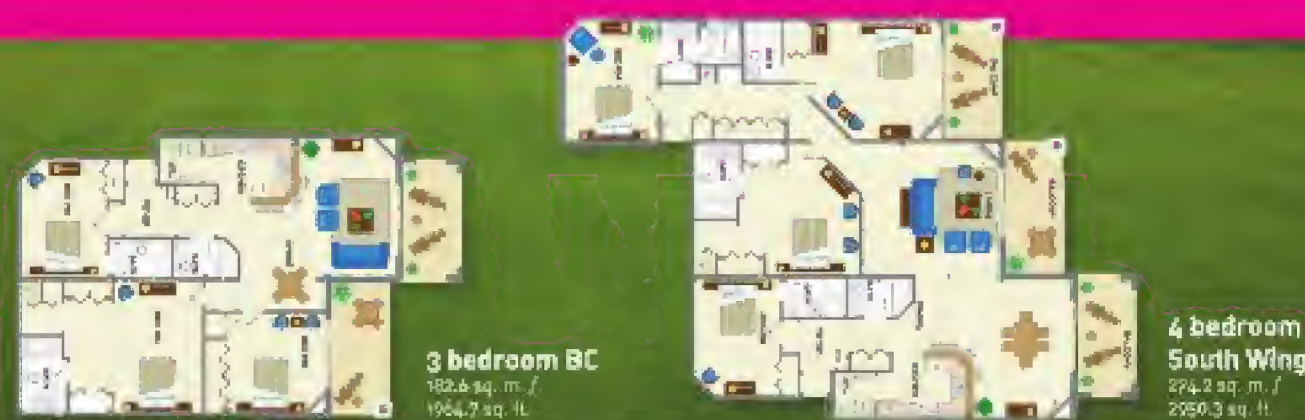
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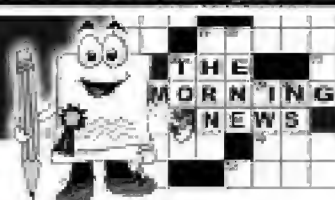
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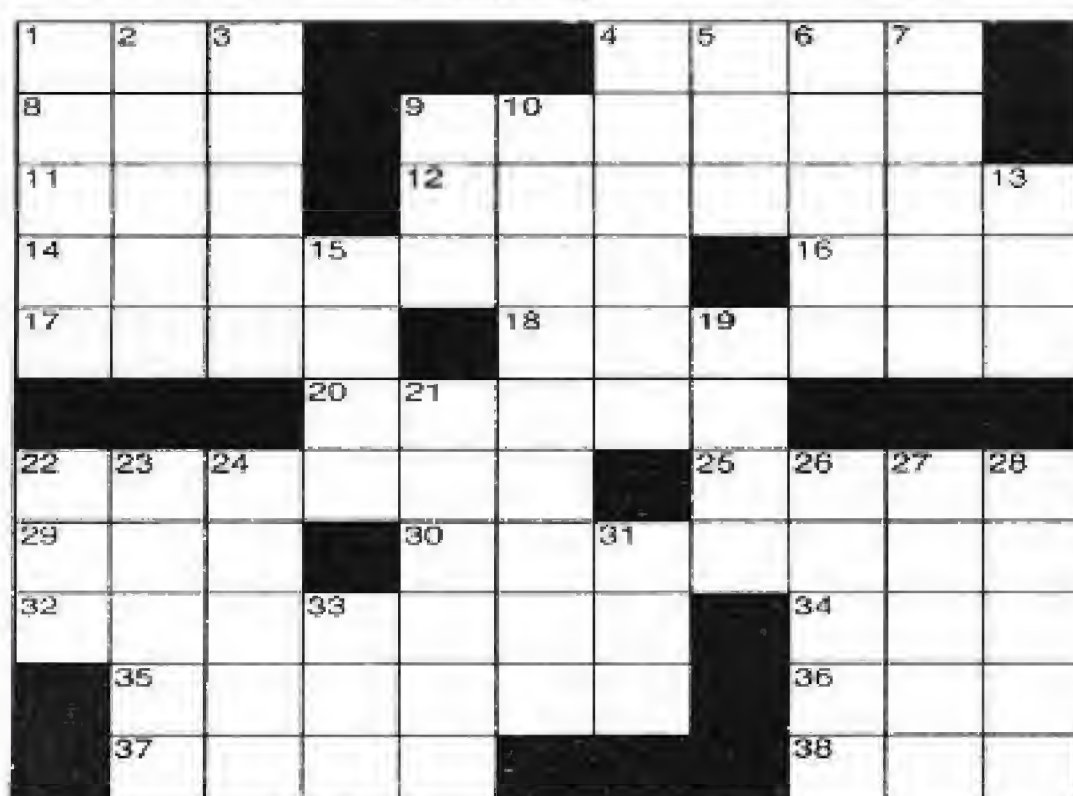
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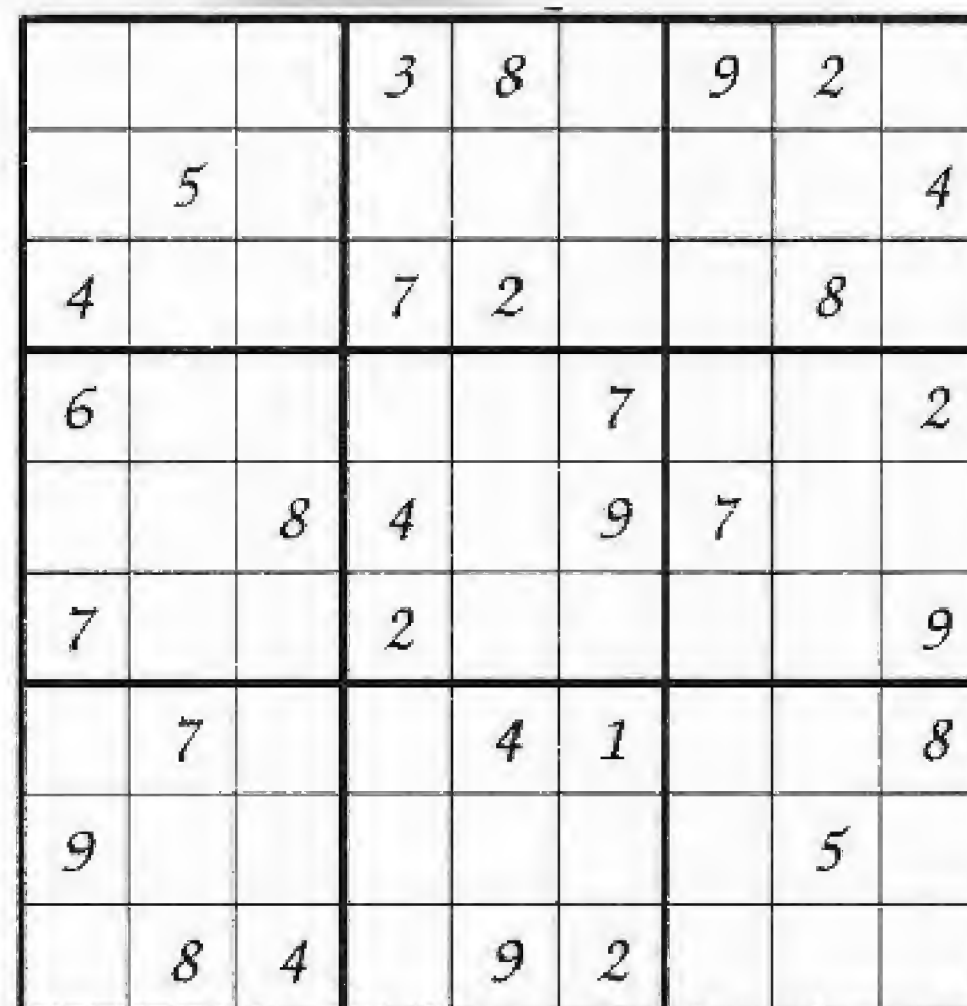
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Aruba Central Bank: Money supply went up

ORANJESTAD -- During the month of August 2013, money supply rose by Afl. 39.6 million to Afl. 3,418.8 million, resulting from an Afl. 334.2 million increase in net foreign assets (excluding revaluation differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings), which was largely offset by an Afl. 294.7 million decrease in net domestic assets.

The growth in net foreign assets was caused mainly by a net inflow of foreign funds related to the issuance of Afl. 372.3 million (USD 208 million) in bonds on the international capital market by the government. The decrease in the domestic component of the money supply was attributed to an Afl. 303.5 million reduction in domestic credit. Domestic credit declined mainly because the Afl. 187.3 million net claim of the banking sector on the public sector turned into an Afl. 147.3 million net liability of the banking sector to the public sector, largely associated with an Afl. 326.9 million surge in government deposits related to the above-mentioned issuance of bonds. In contrast, claims on the private sector grew by Afl. 31.3 million, caused by increases in commercial loans, housing mortgages, and consumer credit of, respectively, Afl. 26.3 million (2.1 percent), Afl. 4.7 million (0.5 percent), and Afl. 0.4 mil-

lion (0.1 percent).

In August 2013, the consumer price index (CPI) registered a decline of 1.1 percent, compared to the same month of 2012. Contributory factors were housing, clothing & footwear, and household operation. Excluding the effect of food and energy (which partly impacts the housing and transport components), the core CPI rose by 0.1 percent, compared to August 2012.

In August 2013, the number of stay-over visitors reached 88,289, which is 5.8 percent (+4,812 visitors) higher than in August 2012. This growth was caused mainly by a rise in visitors from North America and Latin America of, respectively, 3,952 (+8.6 percent) and 1,980 (+7.5 percent). The expansion in the North American market was predominantly the result of increased arrivals from the United States of America (+8.9 percent), while that of the Latin American market was due to gains in the number of visitors from Venezuela (+6.4 percent). In contrast, the European market contracted by 618 visitors or 7.6 percent, related mostly to a decline in the number of visitors from England. The number of cruise visitors grew by 9,913 (or 85.9 percent) in August 2013, compared to the same month of the previous year. The number of ship calls increased from 7 in

August 2012 to 9 in August 2013.

In August 2013, total government revenue amounted to Afl. 74 million, Afl. 5.8 million lower than the same month of the previous year. This decline was the result of an Afl. 8.1 million decrease in tax revenue partially offset by an Afl. 2.4 million increase in non-tax revenue. The reduction in tax revenue was related mostly to decreases in income from profit tax, land tax, income tax, and foreign exchange tax, which were partially counterbalanced by increases in wage tax and turnover tax (B.B.O.). The growth in non-tax revenue was largely due to an increase in income from leases of land.

Cubans fret, sweat currency reform launch

HAVANA (AFP) - Cubans have welcomed news the government will end its unpopular dual currency system, but they are beyond keen to know when the change will actually come.

Many basic necessities here are available only in convertible pesos at special state-run stores, a source of tension between Cubans who have access to dollars and the majority who don't.

The government announced October 22 it will phase out the dual currency system, in place for almost two decades, as part of President Raul Castro's gradual attempt to streamline the country's Soviet-style economy.

Under the current system, Cubans who have dollars (a minority) can buy convertible pesos (CUC) at a one for one rate, and use them to buy scarce goods in well-stocked special state stores.

Cubans' salaries, however, are paid in non-convertible pesos (CUP), which are valued at 24 to a convertible peso and do not go far in a country where builders, teachers and doctors, for example, are paid \$20 a month.

The government set up the system originally to steer hard currency into its coffers which it needs to buy bulk food on international markets for this nation of 11 million.

While Cubans enjoy almost free education and health benefits, housing and a subsidized food basket, most say they still struggle to put food on the table.



ATHENS : A woman is seen walking by a shut down store near the entrance to the Athens Traders Association bearing a slogan reading 'Work on Sundays-Shame!' in Athens on November 3, 2013 during a demonstration by private sector employees against opening of the shops on Sundays. The new law to allow Sunday shopping seven Sundays a year has divided shop owners, employees unions, and the public. November 3rd is the first Sunday that stores are open after 1908, when Greece established Sunday holiday. (AFP PHOTO)



PAPENBURG : People watch as cruise ship Norwegian Getaway leaves the shipyard of the Meyer wharf in Papenburg, northern Germany on November 2, 2013. The 340-meter-long ship by US shipping company Norwegian Cruise Line is scheduled to be transferred on the narrow Ems river to the North Sea in two weeks. (AFP PHOTO)

US auto sales extend gains despite government shutdown



CHICAGO - A Ram 1500 truck is offered for sale at the Marino Chrysler Jeep Dodge dealership in Chicago, Illinois. The Chrysler Group, which builds Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, and Ram vehicles, reported on the weekend its best October sales since 2007 with an 11% jump from a year ago. The Ram Truck brand led the way with a 22% increase in sales. The US auto industry extended its steady gains in October despite economic uncertainty caused by a government shutdown. Total industry sales rose 11 percent in October while the sales pace came in at an adjusted, annualized rate of 15.2 million vehicles. That was the weakest pace since April, but it remained well above the historic lows posted in the lengthy recession which followed the 2008 financial crisis, according to Autodata. (AFP PHOTO)

Minister: Syria war costs industry \$2.2 billion

DAMASCUS (AFP) - The Syrian industrial sector has lost \$2.2 billion since the war began 31 months ago, Industry Minister Kamaledine Tohme said in statements published yesterday.

"The losses in the industrial sector from the start of the Syrian crisis till October total 336 billion Syrian pounds (\$2.2 billion)," the pro-regime newspaper Al-Watan quoted Tohme as saying.

The private industrial sector has lost \$1.5 billion, while public industry has lost \$700 million, he said.

But he insisted that the figures did not reflect losses incurred in parts of the country held by rebel groups fighting to topple the regime.

More than 120,000 people have been killed in Syria's war, and millions more forced to

flee their homes.

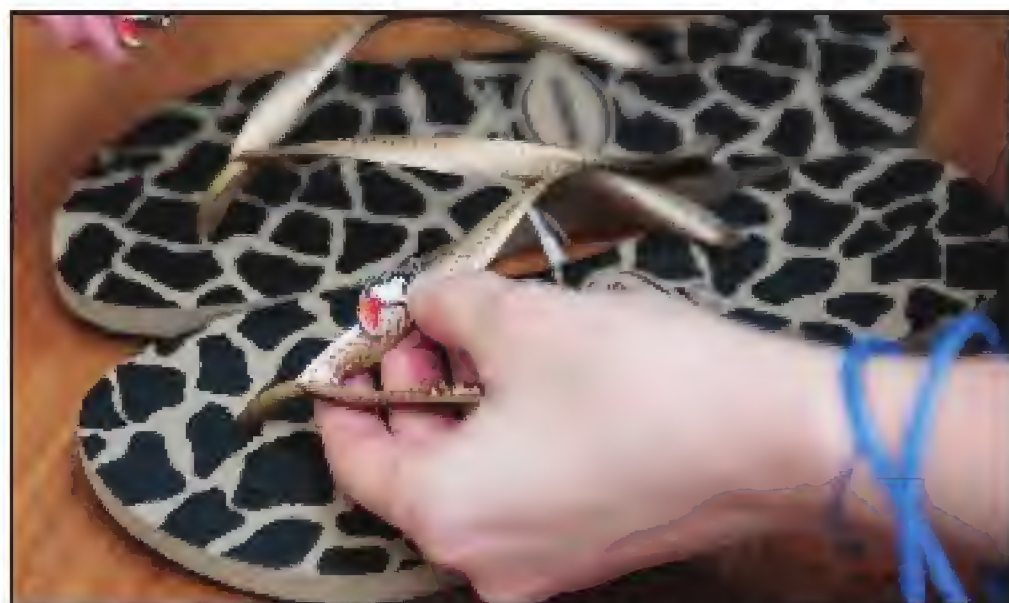
It has also destroyed the economy, causing soaring inflation and driving down the value of the Syrian pound.

According to the UN, more than half the Syrian population is now living in poverty.

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Brazilian shoes want to conquer the world



Toucan shoe decorations are set in a pair of the famous Brazilian Havaianas flip-flops.

SAO PAULO (AFP) - Classic, simple or bold, made of exotic leather or colored plastic, Brazil's shoe industry, already the world's third largest, wants to go even bigger.

In a country with more than 200 million people and a growing middle class -- with plenty of access to credit -- Brazil's shoemakers control the vast domestic market. But now they want to spread beyond the borders of the emerging power.

"The domestic market growth has been significant since 2008," said Heitor Klein, head of the industry group Abicalcados.

In 2012, the country produced 864 million pairs of shoes, up 5.5 percent from the year before. Just over half the shoes were destined for the female market.

But exports of 113 million pairs fell to \$1.09 billion in value, down more than 15 percent from the year before -- proof of the troubles the country faces in breaking into

foreign markets, especially amid the global recession.

The conquest of China

Brazil exports its shoes to some 150 countries, with the United States, Argentina and France the top destinations. It focuses mainly on the intermediate market in terms of quality and price.

It is sold mainly to foreign shoe brands and sold under their labels -- but little by little exports under Brazilian labels, including Capodarte, Azaleia, Via Uno and Arezzo, are increasing.

But the biggest challenge is to get into the heart of the world's biggest producer, China, which in 2011 produced more than 10 billion pairs of shoes, according to Abicalcados figures.

A program by the association, with export promoter Apex, is working towards this goal. "The process began around three years ago, with eight companies and today there are 12 interested," Klein said.

Brazil began exporting

shoes to China in 2011, but it is still early days.

Plastic or snakeskin? Both.

Brazil has two examples of renowned brands: the famous Havaianas and Melissa shoes.

Imitated around the world, the Havaianas were inspired by the flip-flops worn by Japanese immigrants. The simplest models can be bought for around \$5, but prices go up as the collections become more exclusive.

These plastic flip-flops were used by the poorest classes in Brazil, but 50 years later, they have become for everyone.

Today, Havaianas earns 24 percent of its revenue from overseas sales. In 2012, the company produced 229 million pairs.

Created in 1979, Melissa sells its colorful plastic shoes in more than 100 countries. Its designs are more elaborate -- the brand has collaborated with designer Karl Lagerfeld and architect Zara Hadid -- and includes high heels, some adorned with hearts or red lips.

Melissa has a boutique in New York and plans to open another in London in the first half of 2014.

Designer Paula Ferber produces high price shoes of crocodile, snakeskin, or from the scales of Amazonian fish. A pair can cost around \$900.

Currently, she said she is negotiating with one of the partners of the French cosmetics group L'Occitane to expand sales, mainly to Eu-

Marvin Gaye estate hits back in 'Blurred Lines' spat



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The estate of late soul icon Marvin Gaye has hit back at R&B star Robin Thicke in the latest twist to the legal saga surrounding the singer's smash-hit "Blurred Lines."

Gaye's estate has filed a counter-claim to a pre-emptive suit lodged by Thicke and Pharrell Williams in August which had asked a California court to rule that the chart-topping hit had not lifted melodies from Gaye's 1977 classic "Got to Give it Up."

But Gaye's family argue in court papers filed in Los Angeles that Thicke's hit amounts to "blatant copying of a constellation of distinctive and significant compositional elements of Marvin Gaye's classic #1 song."

The family of the singer also pointed to interviews given by Thicke to GQ magazine and Billboard in which he cites "Got to Give It Up" as the key inspiration for the song.

"Pharrell and I were in the studio and I told him that one of my favorite songs of all time was Marvin Gaye's 'Got

to Give It Up'," Thicke was quoted as saying by GQ earlier this year.

"I was like 'Damn, we should make something like that, something with that groove.' Then he started playing a little something and we literally wrote the song in about a half hour and recorded it," Thicke added.

The court filing by Gaye's family, quoted an interview given by Thicke since the legal furor unfolded in which he appears to flatly contradict his earlier comments.

Asked directly by the TMZ entertainment news website if he had been thinking of Marvin Gaye when "Blurred Lines" was composed, he replied: "No."

In addition, the Gaye estate's court case cites several prominent music critics who have all remarked about the song's similarity to "Got to Give It Up."

An expert report commissioned by a musicologist also noted "eight substantially similar compositional features."

The countersuit also challenges Thicke beyond "Blurred Lines," claiming that his song "Love After War" had drawn heavily on Gaye's "After the Dance."

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the ac-



tion, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Steak on a Stone-Le Petit Café's specialty



Fish on a Stone

The Early Bird special offers a choice of a full sized chicken breast, a hefty portion of filet mignon or fresh grouper fillet accompanied by a well-stuffed baked potato, rice or french fries. There is a choice of soup or salad as a starter, and ice cream for dessert, all for a modest \$24.95, an unbeatable price for a great meal on Aruba!

Cooking your main course on the stone is a supremely healthy method of preparation, seasoned to perfection and using no fats or oils. Fish in particular is excellent, extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer a full breakfast buffet for \$9.95, another unbeatable value!

Le Petit Café is also located in the Paradise Beach Villas, so whether you are staying in Oranjestad, Palm Beach or Eagle Beach, a La Petit Café restaurant can be found only a short stroll away from you resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!

In a time when dining choices and critiques are based on value for your dollar, an old favorite, Le Petit Café, still offers one of the best values not only in price, but quality, quantity and ambiance.

Le Petit Café in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting. In Oranjestad, diners can enjoy a breathtaking view of the harbor, particularly as the sun dips over the horizon and the lights of town set the waters aglow. Taking advantage of their Early Bird Special not only offers a great price for a delicious meal, but put you in the right place at the right time to enjoy Aruba's most spectacular daily performance; our stunning sunsets.



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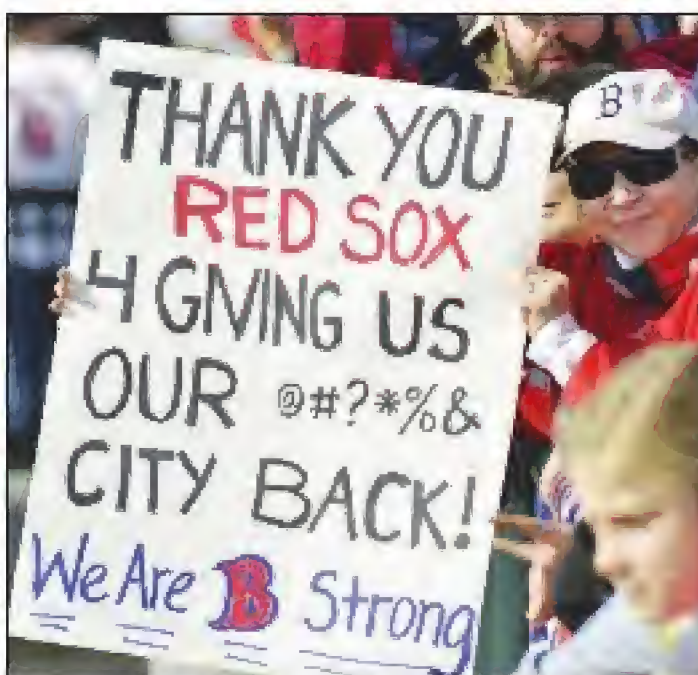
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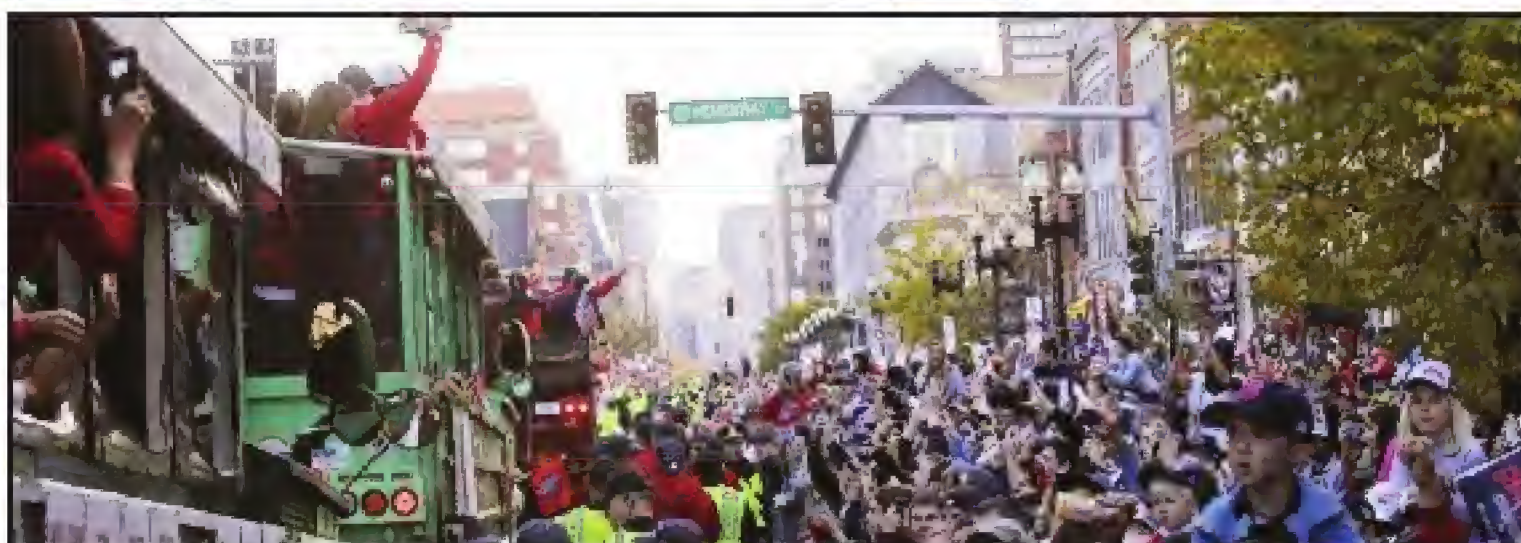
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Red Sox hold "rolling rally" to celebrate title



The Boston Red Sox took to the streets on Saturday to celebrate their World Series championship with the city of Boston. Boston's famous duck boats were used as parade vehicles on Saturday, and were decked out in proper 2013 Boston Red Sox fashion. The parade made it's way from Fenway Park to the Charles River. The best moment of the parade occurred when the team made a visit to the Boston Marathon finish line near Boylston street, the the sight of the horrific Boston Marathon bombings that took the lives of three people on April 15, 2013.



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Owen's goal to win Melbourne Cup with Brown Panther

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"I never really suffered with nerves throughout my (football) career. When you're actually doing something, you feel as though you're in control of it, but when the jockey and horse trot off down to the gates you've got no control whatsoever."

Owen, the fourth all-time England top scorer with 40 goals in 89 internationals and who played for Liverpool, Real Madrid and Manchester United, tweeted Sunday: "Trying to keep my expectations in check! I suppose the 16-1 bookmakers quote him reflects his chance."

Brown Panther has the form to give the Cup a shake after his dominant win in the Goodwood Cup over a similar distance in August, beating Godolphin's Ahze-emah and another Melbourne Cup runner Mount Athos.

Newmarket trainer Luca Cumani is having another crack at the Melbourne Cup with Mount Athos after close seconds with Purple Moon (2007) and Bauer the following year.

Mount Athos was heavily checked on the home turn in last year's Cup and eventually finished fifth, but that hasn't put off Cumani for Australia's famous handicap race.

"I'm an obstinate Italian so-and-so, and here I am, back to try again," said Cumani of his second favourite behind locally trained Fiorente, who is the



clear 5-1 favourite.

Fiorente went down by a length to Green Moon in last year's Melbourne Cup and was the third runner-up for Gai Waterhouse, who previously trained Te Akau Nick (1993) and Nothin' Leica Dane in 1995.

Green Moon and Dunaden are bidding to become only the sixth horse to win multiple Melbourne Cups in the race's 152-year history.

The Godolphin stable, which has had three runners-up in over 15 years at the Melbourne Cup, is pinning its hopes on Royal Empire.

The other members of the European contingent in the race are Dandino, Simenon and Ruscello.



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Djokovic wins Paris Masters, 40th career title



PARIS (AFP) - Novak Djokovic defeated defending champion David Ferrer 7-5, 7-5 on Sunday to win the Paris Masters and claim his 40th career title after a

thrilling final at the Bercy arena.

Ferrer fell short of becoming the first player to successfully defend the Paris title while six-time major winner Djokovic took another step towards regaining the number one spot from Rafael Nadal at next week's World Tour Finals in London.

Victory also meant that Djokovic became just the 15th player to reach the milestone of 40 titles.

"I'm full of joy right now and this is one of the biggest weeks of the tennis season so

I'm really happy and just want to continue like this," said the 26-year-old Serbian.

The Australian Open champion also paid tribute to Ferrer for his attitude on and off the court.

"He is the defending champion, and obviously he enjoys playing on this surface in these conditions. I knew that coming into the match I'm going to have to work for my points.

"He is not going to give me too many free points. He's going to run every ball. He's a great competitor, one of the most respected guys on tour because he works hard and he's very humble and he's a very nice person," added Djokovic, who picked up his third straight tournament triumph.

Rafael Nadal would have been guaranteed to finish the year at number one had Djokovic lost but now the Spaniard must win at least two matches in London to assure his rival cannot catch him.

Broncos coach Fox to have heart valve surgery

CHARLOTTE (AFP) - Denver Broncos coach John Fox will have an aortic heart valve replacement operation in the next few days and miss several weeks of the NFL season, the team said Saturday.

Fox was hospitalized Saturday after feeling light-headed while playing golf at Quail Hollow in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was taken to an area hospital, where he underwent medical tests.

While the information had been kept private, Fox had been planning for such a surgery after the season. The incident Saturday forced doctors to advance that timetable.

"Although I am disappointed I must take some time away from the team to attend to this pre-existing health condition, I understand that it's the right thing to do," Fox said in a statement.

"I have great confidence in our coaches and players, who are fully committed to our goals.

"I look forward to returning to coaching as soon as possible."

The Broncos, led by star quarterback Peyton Manning, are 7-1 at mid-season, the second-best record in the NFL to the unbeaten Kansas City Chiefs. Denver had a bye this weekend, giving Fox the rare chance for weekend golf.

Johnson storms to WGC-HSBC Champions victory



Johnson poses with his trophy in Shanghai, China

SHANGHAI (AFP) - America's Dustin Johnson shook off a two-pronged European attack and produced a run of three birdies and an eagle in five holes Sunday to secure the \$8.5 million WGC-HSBC Champions in Shanghai.

Johnson finished on a tournament record 24-under par of 264, three ahead of England's Ian Poulter and four ahead of Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell after a pulsating final day's play captivated huge galleries at Sheshan Golf Club.

The leading trio all shot final rounds of six-under par 66, going head-to-head in a display of golf of the highest quality.

McDowell, a former US Open champion who is second in the European Tour's Race to Dubai standings, and Poulter got off to a perfect start as they both birdied the first two holes.

Johnson, starting the day three ahead at 18 under par, dropped a shot by three-putting the first.

When McDowell added a third birdie in a row at the third the American found himself in a three-way tie for the lead at 17-under.

"Those first few holes weren't fun," admitted Johnson afterwards. "I knew they were going to come out swinging."

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Mutai, Jeptoo win New York Marathon title



Mutai



Jeptoo

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Kenyans Geoffrey Mutai and Priscah Jeptoo won New York City Marathon titles Sunday as elite runners returned to the Big Apple a year after Hurricane Sandy forced the cancellation of the race and seven months after the Boston Marathon bombings.

Mutai, who also won the 2011 New York crown, won the men's race in an official time of 2hrs 8mins, 24secs, 52 seconds ahead of runner-up Tsegaye Kebede of Ethiopia but well off the course record of 2:05:05 he set two years ago.

"I feel good for this win," Mutai said. "It was a very

tough race. To win a race for the first time is easy. To defend your title is not easy. It was a tough win out there."

Jeptoo, the reigning London Marathon women's champion who finished second at last year's London Olympics, came from behind to win in 2:25:07.

The 43rd edition of the 26.2-mile (42.2km) showdown included more than 48,000 runners from 115 nations competing in cool and windy conditions for a \$100,000 top prize with a backdrop of tightened security in the wake of twin tragedies.

Three people were killed by bombs planted near the finish line of the Boston Marathon last April, making "Boston Strong" a catchphrase to inspire comebacks, including a World Series baseball crown for a Boston Red Sox club that was last in its division in 2012.

"What occurred in Boston has made this race even more important to participants," said retired tennis star John McEnroe, who lives near the finish line.

Nearly 100 people died in flooding and devastating property damage caused in the New York area last year by Hurricane Sandy.

"We run for the spirit of New York and Boston," said race chief executive Mary Wittenberg. "We run united."

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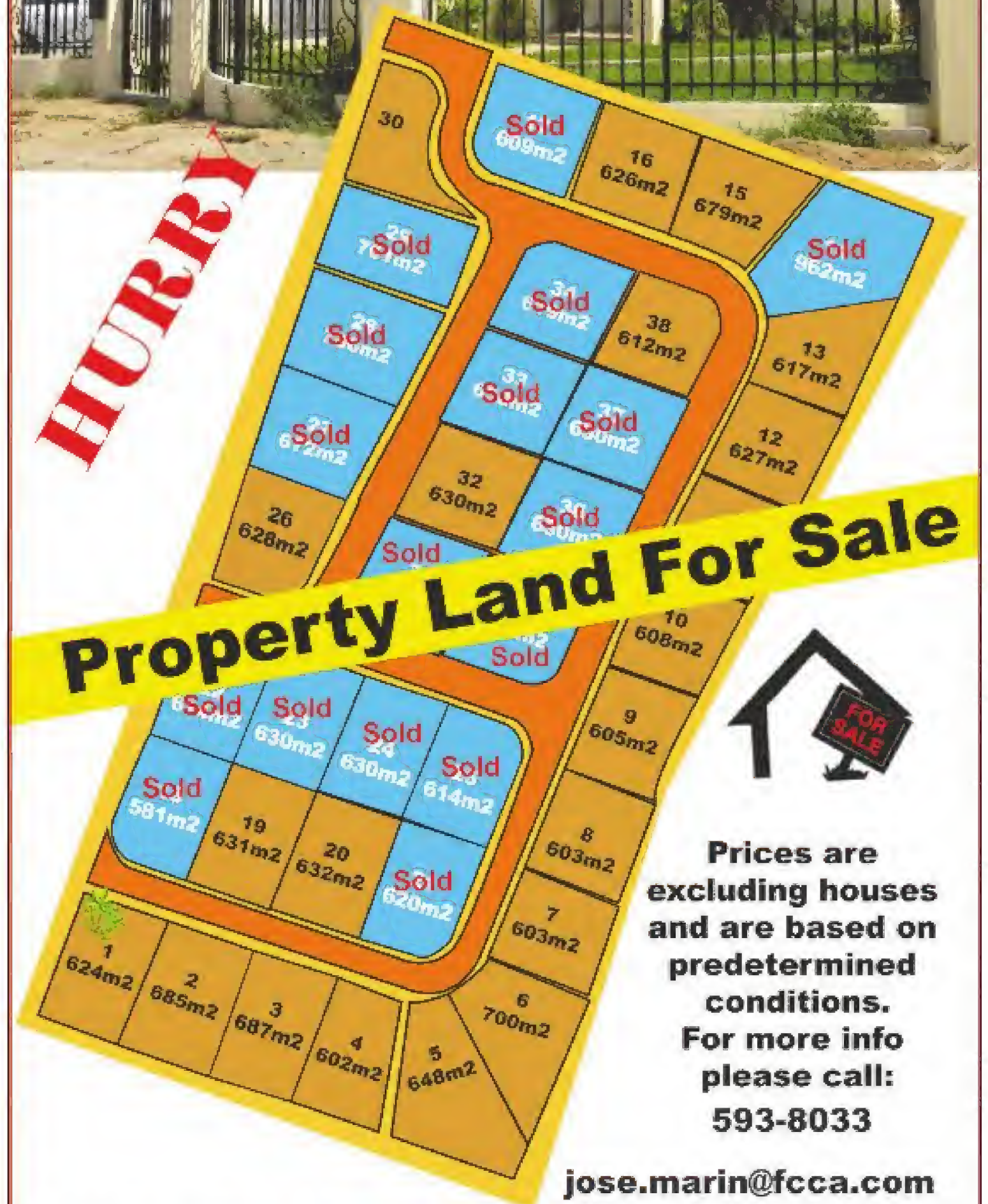


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Owen's goal to win Melbourne Cup with Brown Panther

MELBOURNE (AFP) - Former football star Michael Owen played in three World Cups and for some of the greatest club teams but his burning ambition is to own the first English-trained winner of Tuesday's Melbourne Cup.

Owen, 33, bred and races Brown Panther and opted for early retirement after 17 years of top-level soccer including for England so he could travel to major race meetings around the world.

Brown Panther, trained by Tom Dascombe in Cheshire,

is one of nine overseas-trained runners entered for Australia's iconic horse race over 3,200 metres (two miles) at Flemington.

Five overseas stayers have won the Melbourne Cup -- Dunaden and Americain (France), Delta Blues

(Japan), Vintage Crop and Media Puzzle (Ireland) -- but England has yet to land the big prize in the Aus\$6 million (\$5.7 million) race.

"England have never had a winner in the Melbourne Cup so obviously it would be a first, it would be a huge hon-

our," Owen said this week. "But I don't want to get too carried away."

"I get quite nervous, in particular, when this fellow runs. He's obviously my best horse."

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